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The Honorable Virgil H. Goode
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515-4605

Dear Congressman Goode:

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 2001, on behalf of your constituents Mr. Eugene Moorefield and Mr. Chad Harrison regarding BGF Industries.

In their letters to you, Messrs. Moorefield and Harrison requested that EPA be patient with the assessment and cleanup of contamination recently discovered at BGF Industries' Altavista, Virginia facility. I would like you to know that EPA has been working closely with BGF Industries and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to adequately assess the site since discovery of the contamination in 1998. The assessment of the site has recently been completed. BGF's consultant has collected literally hundreds of soil, sediment and water samples which have been analyzed to determine the extent of the contamination at their facility. A review of the characterization information is underway, and BGF has indicated that a work plan to clean up the site will be forthcoming.

EPA and BGF Industries have had an excellent working relationship regarding the Altavista Site over the last three years, which I'm sure will continue with the development of a cleanup remedy for the site in the future.

I hope this information is useful to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Michael D'Andrea, Virginia Liaison Officer, at 215-814-5615.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Voltaggio
Acting Regional Administrator

